before such office is vacated, and to submit said amendment to the qualified voters of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Section 404, Article IV, "The County Executive," of the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 404. CONVICTION OR FAILURE TO PERFORM DUTIES

If a County Executive shall be convicted of a crime [other than a traffic violation] INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, OF MISFEASANCE OR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, or fails actively to perform the daily duties and responsibilities of his office as set forth in Section 405 for a continuous period of six months, his office may be declared vacant by the affirmative vote of not less than five members of the County Council by ordinance and such vacancy shall thereupon be filled in the manner above provided in Section 402 of this Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application, and to this end, all the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That at the next general election to be held in this State on November 7, 1972, the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Anne Arundel County for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Section 1202 of the Charter of Anne Arundel County and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Charter shall be by ballot; and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Charter Amendment" and "Against the Charter Amendment." If a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be in favor of the proposed amendment, such amendment shall stand adopted from and after the thirtieth (30th) day following said election; but if a majority